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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF BAPTIST MINISTER JAMES LEEPER

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1. SEPTEMBER 26 DEPARTMENT OFFICER DISCUSSED LEEPER'S DEPORTATION WITH TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICER AND POINTED OUT POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF TURKISH ACTION ON ATTITUDES TOWARD TURKEY IN US AND ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS. TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICER SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT TO REPORT THAT HE HAD CONVEYED DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN TO AMBASSADOR ESENBEL WHO IN TURN HAD SENT AN IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO ANKARA EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN AND ASKING FOR INFORMATION.

2. DURING THE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL SEPTEMBER 27, 1978, DEPARTMENT OFFICER AGAIN RAISED LEEPER CASE. ESENBEL CONFIRMED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER APPROACH HE HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO ANKARA RELAYING US CONCERN AND SEEKING INFORMATION. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG WHO WAS PRESENT DURING CONVERSATION GAVE NO INDICATION THAT HE WAS AWARE OF LEEPER CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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